## North Carolina NPLEx



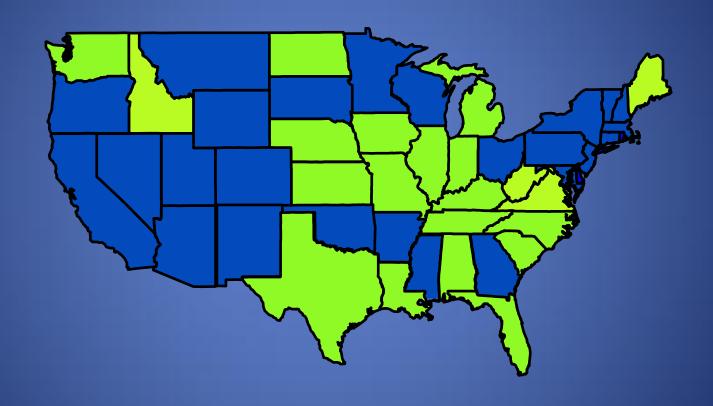
## North Carolina NPLEx

- Implemented January 1, 2012
- ALL data is in one database
- Seamless interstate communication
- Seamless inter-retailer communication
- ONLY LE has comprehensive access
- NO cost to states, LE, or retailers

#### How does an NPLEx transaction work?

- Prospective purchaser asks to buy a precursor
- Clerk is prompted to ask for ID
- ID scanned, swiped, or manually entered by clerk
- Precursor product scanned or manually entered by clerk
- NPLEx advises clerk how much the prospective purchaser can buy, or if that sale is approved
- Clerk sells, or denies
- If sold, purchaser signs log

### NPLEx states-every retailer required to submit





## Totals NPLEx Blocked Sales 2011

|                        | Non NPLEx<br>States | NPLEx<br>States    | Total NPLEx /<br>MethCheck<br>Coverage |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|
| Blocked Sales          | 215,824             | 642,848            | 858,672                                |
| % of boxes             | 1.7%                | 2.8 %              | 2.4 %                                  |
| Total grams<br>blocked | 558,161<br>grams    | 1,515,529<br>grams | 2,073,690<br>grams                     |

## North Carolina Q1 2012

| stores reporting | 1834   |
|------------------|--------|
| LE users         | 289    |
| LE searches      | 12,139 |
| LE watch hits    | 1648   |
| Grams blocked    | 47,519 |

## Fighting smurfing

- Blocking sales in real-time prevents PSE from being transformed into methamphetamine
- Law Enforcement knows who was blocked in near real-time
- LE sees all purchases to look for trends and clues to smurfing groups
- Blocking offenders (convicted, parolees, pre-trial releasees, etc.) can be easily executed per state authorization
- NLETS partnership will validate IDs

### **Success Stories**

#### Cooper hails new NC law tracking meth ingredients

RALEIGH, NC (AP) -- North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper says a new law that tracks the main ingredient used to make the drug methamphetamine is already producing impressive results.

Cooper said Thursday that the law, which took effect Jan. 1, has already blocked over 1,600 illegal purchases of cold medicine used to make meth.

The law requires pharmacies to use an electronic system that tracks purchases of products containing the ingredient pseudoephedrine.

## NC Retailer Comments

Christina Fuller
 Pharmacy Manager
 Kmart Pharmacy #3815 (North Carolina)

"Overall the system is effective and easy to use. We rarely have any issues with functionality."

Clyde Eure
 Pharmacy Manager
 Kmart Pharmacy #3744 (North Carolina)

"It has helped us to halt sales in which other PSE products were recently bought at other locations that use this system."

Kathryn Meyer
 Pharmacy Manager
 Kmart Pharmacy #9547 (North Carolina)

"MethCheck has made a tedious process more streamlined and more efficient and has made it easier to refuse pseudoephedrine sales without harsh confrontations."

# Any measure must be multi-state capable

- NPLEx is seamless across state lines and chains
- NPLEx blocks sales at EVERY retailer
- LE can see data from EVERY retailer
- NPLEx is what prescription drug monitoring programs aspire to be

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